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of a Teeming Ladle Having a Low Teeming Height
in a Teeming Installation Device

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**Preliminary Amendment Prior to Calculation
of Claims Fees**

Sir:

With a view to avoiding excess claims fees otherwise due and to
putting the English translation of the subject International Application into a
format believed to comply with present U.S. patent prosecution practice,
Applicant courteously requests entry of the following amendment:

In the Specification:

n.e Page 1: cancel;
page 2, line 5: insert Method and Device for Controlling the Movement of a
Teeming Ladle Having a Low Teeming Height in a Teeming Installation
Device;

Sub Spec filed

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